

# Soil and Water

## 2015 Sustainable Garden Tour

### Greater Tysons Area

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 1 PM – 5 PM**

**Get inspired** to create a sustainable landscape at your home, school or business! Local residents open their gardens and share their experiences landscaping with nature in mind. *Please enjoy each garden at your own pace. Visit as many or as few as you like. Free and open to all.*



#### Vienna/Falls Church

**1. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church**

After a three-year renovation, this school boasts an outdoor classroom with a native plant garden, rooftop garden and energy reduction efforts. It was also the site of a groundbreaking urban tillage radish study. Marshall High School students will be on site to provide tours of the gardens in enclosed interior courtyards.

*From Leesburg (Rte 7) and the Beltway (495), go east on Rte 7. After 0.4 mi, turn right into the Marshall High School parking lot. Enter the school through the main entrance (Door #1) and bear left. The entry to the garden will be on the right side.*

**2. Lattimore-Brown Residence, 8396 Idylwood Rd, Vienna**

This beautiful home features a rain garden, living roof, native plant landscaping, and green home construction, which will all be open for the tour. The house uses effective passive and active solar heating of the home and a narrow footprint for air movement, and was built using wood milled from the property, salvaged architectural pieces and recycled components.

*From Gallows Rd & Idylwood Rd, head west on Idylwood Rd. Pass Cedar Lane and Central Ave and the Lattimore-Brown residence will be on your right.*

**3. Watson Residence, 8337 Carnegie Drive, Vienna**

This charming garden features a small fish pond, waterfall and edible landscaping/vegetable garden beds. Native plant landscaping is gradually replacing lawn areas and attracts birds and butterflies. Both sun and shade gardens can be enjoyed in a number of sitting areas. This couple has done do-it-yourself garden projects for many years and they have a wealth of experience to share.

*From Cedar Lane and Park St SE in Vienna, head south on Cedar Lane 0.5 mi. Turn left to go east on Cottage St. After 0.6 mi, turn right on Carnegie Dr. The Watson residence will be on your right.*

**4. Rooney Residence, 104 Harmony Dr SW, Vienna**

Interested in native plants -- but don't know where to start? Come see how these gardeners are adapting their landscape to be more environmentally and wild life friendly, one plant at a time. Non-native plants inherited when the house was purchased are gradually being replaced with native plants to attract birds, butterflies, and other species -- baby box turtles were born here last year!

*From Cedar Lane and Park St SE in Vienna, head west on Park St. After 0.7 mi, turn left on Harmony Dr. The Rooney residence is at the end of the street, the last house on your left.*

*[Note: If there is a roadblock from construction on Harmony Dr, continue on Park St to turn left on Tapawingo Rd. Take the first left on Lullaby Ln. Continue to end and turn right on Harmony Dr. 104 SW will be the last house on the left. **Be aware that there are two 104 Harmony Dr addresses in Vienna! Make sure you have Harmony Dr SW.**]*

**5. Christmus Residence, 1303 Cottage Street SW, Vienna**

This horticulturalist's garden showcases harmony between the built and natural environment. The homeowners removed the non-native turf lawn, replaced impervious concrete with permeable pavers, use rain barrels to collect rainwater, and have a gorgeous palette of native plants that provide interest throughout the seasons.

*From Cedar Lane and Park St SE in Vienna, head south on Cedar Lane 0.5 mi. Turn right to go west on Cottage St. After 0.3 mi, the Christmus residence will be on the left.*

## **Wolf Trap/McLean**

**6. Schaefer Residence, 7028 Santa Maria Court, McLean**

This garden's sustainable features blend in beautifully with existing landscaping. A lovely rain garden captures and absorbs runoff. Throughout the side and rear gardens, native plants build a better foundation for the food chain. Dry stack wall terraces backfilled with compost and planted with natives help reduce rainwater runoff from the sloping front yard.

*From the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd (123) and Old Dominion Dr, head south on 123. Take the first right onto Mayflower Dr. Turn right onto Santa Maria Ct. 7028 is on the right.*

**7. Furlong-Kahn Residence, 9412 Cello Ct, Vienna/Wolf Trap**

This half acre property aims to be as colorful as possible and wildlife friendly with native plants. NY granite terraces reduce runoff in a sloped shade garden. Sunny areas mix perennials, groundcovers, and small shrubs, plus a vegetable garden. See the innovative deer prevention strategies, downspout redirection and rain barrels. Pick up a pot of perennial blue lobelia, while supplies permit.

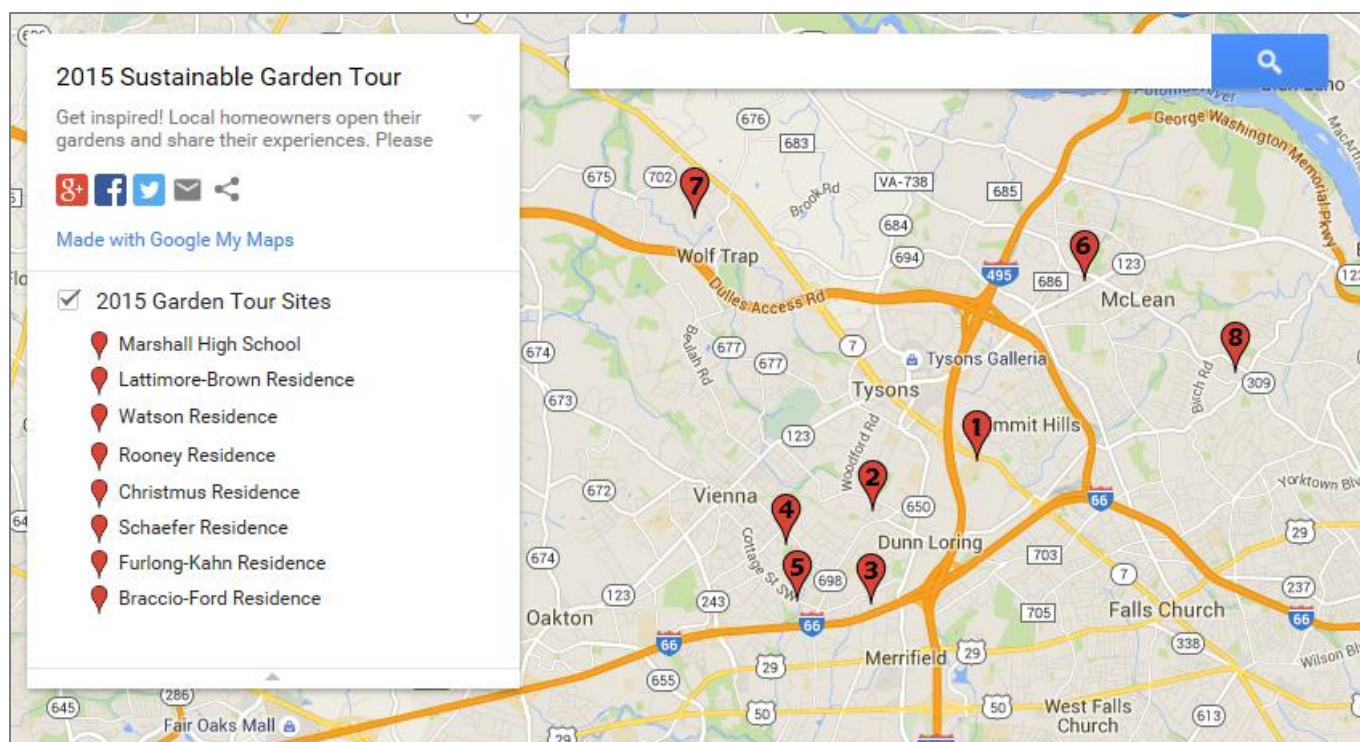
*From the intersection of Leesburg Pike (Rte 7) and Towlston Rd, head south on Towlston. After 0.4 mi, turn right on Shouse Dr. Go 0.5 mi and turn right on Cello Ct. 9412 is at the end on the left.*

**8. Braccio-Ford Residence, 1723 East Ave, McLean**

A porous paver driveway and rain barrels capture and absorb rainwater. A native wildflower meadow provides a pollinator haven and food source for seed-eating songbirds. The backyard features shade plants, a bog garden and a DIY water feature that provides a cool drink for chipmunks, catbirds, cardinals, drop mockingbirds, goldfinches, native ground-nesting bees and more!

*Headed north on Kirby Rd, turn left on Old Chesterbrook Rd (just after Chesterbrook Elementary). Take the first right onto East Ave and the Braccio-Ford residence is on your right.*

*[Alternate: Head east on Old Dominion Dr from Chain Bridge Rd. After 1.4 miles, turn right on Valley Ave. Take the first left on Cross St, then turn right on East Ave. 1723 will be on your left.]*



**For an online map of sites and descriptions,  
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